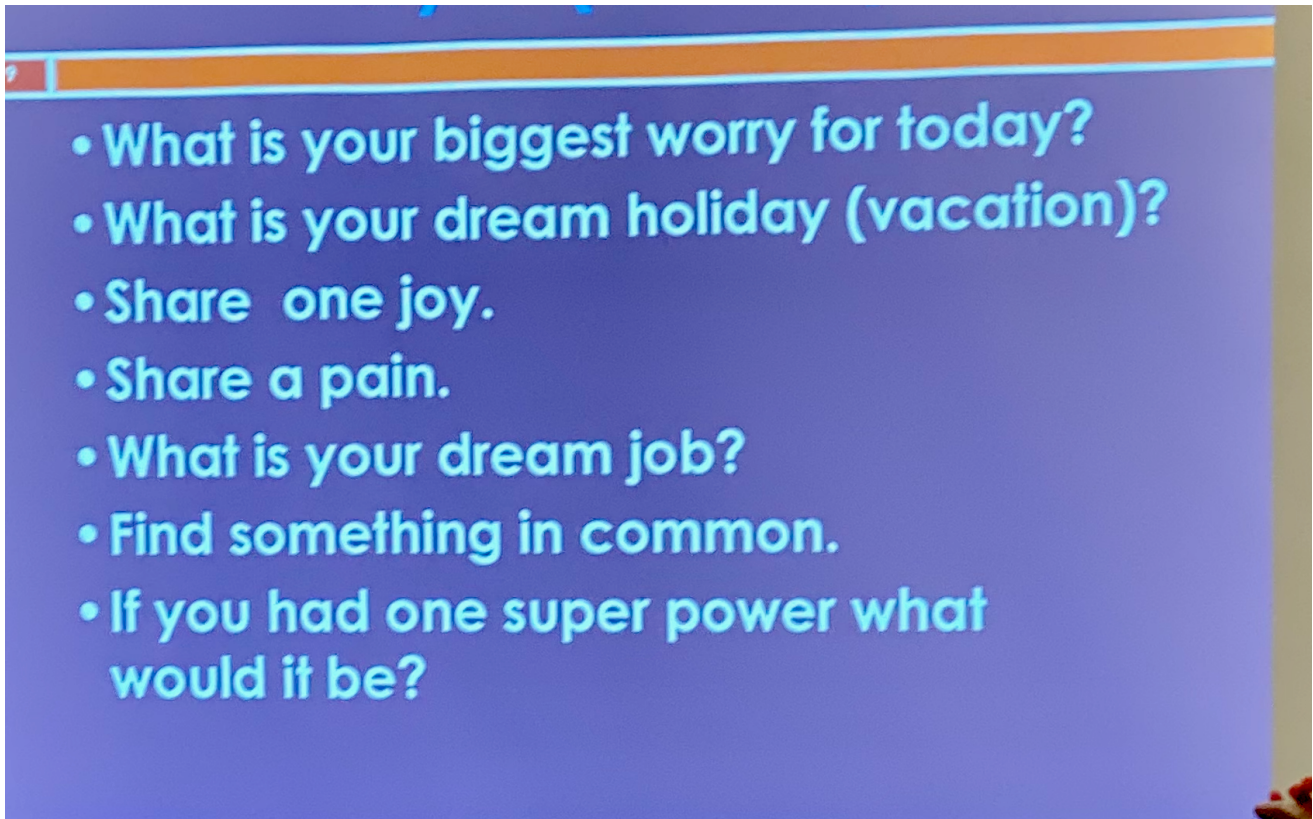


PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Gods People Care



At Forward Leadership this past month we talked about ways we can engage our community. This is primarily done with one on one conversations. It is great to have an engaging worship service on a Sunday morning (which I believe we have). It is great to have ministry opportunities for people to come and check us out and see that we are an asset to the community and the people of the community (which we do). But, it is also important for us to be engaged with people and to talk with people, to get to know people and hear about the things that they are excited about and the things that they are struggling to accomplish.

Since starting at Prince of Peace I have had a number of one on one conversations with people in Berlin. I have gotten to know people in our community and I have learned about the community, the people of the community, and people's personal successes and failures. But there are a lot of people in our community and I am only one person.

It is important for all of us to have these conversations. It is important for us to learn how to ask questions, and to listen to what people are saying. The deeper the relationship we can build with people the more we will know what the community needs from us as a church and the deeper the trust we are able to build with the people in our community.

So where do we start?

The picture above is a list of questions you can ask someone. If you don't know what to say you can use the questions above to start a conversation. Trust me, people love to talk about themselves if you give them an opportunity. Try it out! Think about someone you would like to have a conversation with and asked them to a cup of coffee, or out to lunch. Then start talking.

Imagine what our church community would look like if 10 people from our congregation had 25 one on one conversations within the next 6 months. That would be 250 real conversations and that can lead to us building upon our congregation and maybe 40 out of the 250 people decided to come to worship one Sunday and out of the 40 people 25 decided to join. That would mean our Sunday morning worship would double! Just by having conversations!!

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Office Hours
Wednesday and Thursday 9-12

Pastor Joe McGarry
Pastor Joe will be available by appointment
Please contact the office or email him at
pastor@popkensington.org to schedule an
appointment. In case of an emergency he
can be reached at 860-333-8761

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN

- You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event, so it can be placed on the church calendar.
- A baby is expected in your family.
- You want to arrange for a Baptism or Wedding.
- A family member has passed away.
- Your telephone number or address has changed or if you are planning to move, locally or out of town.
- You or a family member is sick or in the hospital.
- You feel the Church can help you in any way.



Check out our Website
popkensington.org

Connect with us on Facebook
facebook.com/popkensington



October- Canned Soup
November- Canned Veggies

Church Staff

Pastor
Joe McGarry

Director of Music
Jeffery Cregeur

Office Manager
Katie McGarry

Church Sexton
Elaine Wild

Intergenerational Sunday



Join us November 10th for our next "All Ages Sunday School! All are welcome to come and learn.

Rehearsal Schedule

Friday, November 1st 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Sunday, November 3rd 11:45AM - 1:30PM
Friday, November 8th 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Friday, November 15th 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Friday, November 29th - 7:00PM - 9:00PM

CONCERT DECEMBER 15TH 2:00 PM



Family Promise

One of our guests is expecting a baby girl and we are inviting you to join us on Monday, November 4th for a potluck dinner to celebrate the baby on the way.

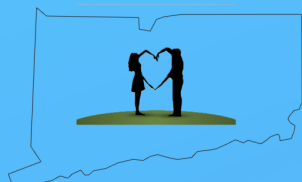
When: November 4, 2019
6pm to 7:30pm

Where: South Congregational Church - Cooper Hall
90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051

Please use the link below to RSVP and/or sign-up to bring a dish.

<https://signup.com/login/entry/1233231652035>

People of Central Connecticut Podcast



peopleofct.com

Pastor Joe started a new podcast called People of Central Connecticut. He is talking to people who are doing good things in Central CT. Check it out!
www.peopleofct.com

November and December Church Meetings and Activities

November 9th Pack Hero Boxes

November 10th Worship

November 11th Financial Peace University Class (FPU)

November 15th Voices of Peace Rehearsal 7:00pm

November 14th 180 Day Discussion Group 1:30

November 16th Forward Leadership

November 17th Confirmation 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Congregational Meeting 11:30am

November 18th FPU Class

November 20th 180 Day Reading Discussion Group 6:30pm

November 24th Worship 10:15am

November 29th Voices of Peace Rehearsal 7:00pm

December 1st 180 Day Reading Discussion 9:00 am Worship 10:15am

December 7th Youth Holiday Baking



November 17, 2019 11:30
Directly following worship we will have a congregational meeting. At this meeting we will discuss the 2020 budget and have an election of board members and officers. Please attend.

The office will be closed
Monday, November 11th for Veteran's Day

Wednesday November 27th through Friday
November 29th for Thanksgiving

180 Day Bible Reading Groups

November 14th 1:30 pm
Cafe Busy Bean

December 1st 9:00 am
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

November 20th 6:30 pm
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Prince of Peace Youth



We will be baking holiday treats for the elder members of our church

December 7th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm

This counts as community service hours for confirmation as well as for your school

Confirmation class will meet on
November 17th at 9:00 am





Confirmation students yelling prayers to God



October in Pictures



Choir Hard at work

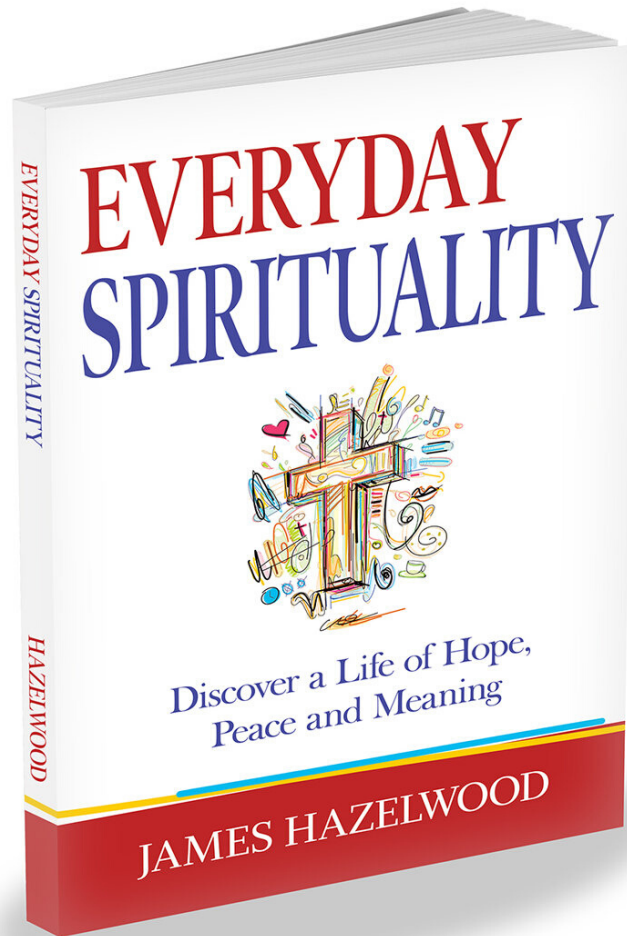


Forward Leadership
September 28th



Getting ready for
Family Promise

The Bishop has a Book!



"Everyday Spirituality is exactly what the title says – an invitation to honor ordinary experiences as holy ground. We don't have to go to on a retreat or sign up for spirituality lessons – we can stay where we are and sense divine presence in what we do each day. Hazelwood's writing is so conversational that at times I started talking to him even though he wasn't in the room. He weaves together insights from scripture and theology with his own experiences and stories he has received from others. He does this so naturally we hardly notice -- we simply travel with him and go happily. Hazelwood writes with the heart of a pastor and a mystic. Like the poet Mary Oliver he isn't afraid to say, "I don't know exactly what a prayer is/I do know how to pay attention..." This book will help every reader pay attention, too."

We will be taking a closer look at this book in 2020. If you want to get a jump on reading this book you can order it at <https://amzn.to/36E6aNU>